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THE BOMBER ZONE BEGINS

Rensselaer Central High School — a small school in rural Indiana. In it, there were students of diffrent ages and increests. In the years nineteen hundred and eighty eight and nineteen hundred and eighty nine, the students of RCHS participated in clubs, sports and other school activities. They each had dreams for the future and memories of their pasts together, but how can one disease.

tinguish between dream and reality? These students may wake up someday to find that the dreams of yesterday are the reality of today, but that reality may be someone else's dream somewhere in another dimension — a dimension of sight, a dimension of sound and mind — the fourth dimension. You've just crossed into the BOMBER ZONE.





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Top: Mr. Oates celebrates his birthday with his freshman English class and a clown. Bottom left: Gina Leichty points out good-luck posters that Mrs. Cappuccilli's Spanish class made for the boys varsity baskerball tearn. Bottom right: Mr. Baumann and Mr. Middleton watch a game.









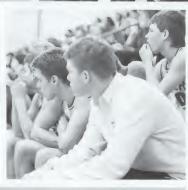






Top left: Amanda Rodeffer and Cindy Lane play for the Bomber fans at a football game. Top right: seniors enjoy the homecoming parade. Above: girls volleyball players work hard for victory.







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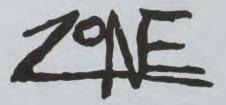








THE ORGANIZATION







1988 was a trying year for the organizations in the Bomber Zone. Because of early morning meetings, the clubs almost died out completely. Luckily a change in scheduling later in 1988 revived most of the dwindling groups. Time and reality became important in the Bomber Zone. The reality that the factor of time could make or break the organizations was soon realized.

Interact club members worked at a rodeo early in the year. At Christmas, HOSA held a food drive and the Student Council sold pompons and key chains. Throughout the school year, the Chaos staff tried to make some sense out of the Zone.

All of these activities plus many more kept the people in the Bomber Zone busy with work and fun.

Chaos Staff Opens the Door

Not many people realize how important or how necessary the yearbook is to our school. The Chaos staff is a group of skilled students who together created the 1989 yearbook. They all worked exceptionally hard and put all of their talents together to give RCHS the best yearbook ever. Throughout the whole year the staff had many difficult times and also many good times, but they made another book, worthy of the tile Chaos.

The staff tried to do many new and creative things with the yearbook to make it look professional. The staff thought it would be fun and creative to do something different with this year's yearbook, which is how they came up with the idea of the "Bomber Zone." The Chaos staff hopes you enjoy your yearbook in this and future zones.





Firstund at top tight is 1989 chase editor Valene Eb at Butler University during yearbook camp. Firstund directly above is the chase stiff. Top row left to tight. Teress Gehring, G. Lini Schiling, Jalle Whalsey, Jennifer Pattr, Valenie Ebt, Mauteen Folenga, Jeani Webb. Second row Bundon Keipet, Ginerhen Schulenburg, Connie Michale, Lan Dale, Leanes Pegal, Shawe Herselt, Tamer Thompson, Bottom: Gina Leichty, Doug Mitchell, Darrell Bert, and Anne Hopkinn. At right Mike Mikolajezak woods on a layout. Opposite page up persien Patt and Alias Rued discuss yearbook ony. Love left apposite page Darrell Bert and Binandon Keipen work on a pour Cheen that the Composition graph of the Composition of













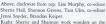
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The Rensselaerien: BOMB: A Newspaper for the Times





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Keeping up with the fast-paced medium of newspaper journalism is a challenge. The Rensselaerien staff has worked hard to meet the challenge by publishing a quality paper every month. They relied on computers this year even more than before to allow the paper lay-

out to run more smoothly, making a monthly paper possible. The paper itself underwent a few changes. The new name took effect



at the end of last year. The <u>Ren-sselaerien: BOMB</u> reflects the energy that the staff portrayed in their pictures, articles, and editorials. Also, a horoscope was added to please all of the star-gazers in the student body.

The staff went to the <u>Rensselaer</u> <u>Republican</u> office to observe professional publishing. The <u>BOMB</u> staff feels that this gave them insight into the publishing process

and the interactions of a professional staff.

The Rensselaerien is growing and changing with the times, as any communications medium should. The staff will keep on trying to meet the needs of the student body, making whatever changes are necessary to compose a quality paper.





Sigma Di Gamma GIVING RCHS A TASTE OF THE WORLD

Sigma Di Gamma, the foreign language dub, shared a little foreign culture with the community again in 1989 with its annual Mardi Gras. The countries represented were Spain, France, Italy and the United States. Because more visitors came in 89 than in some previous years, and because of the good food and music, the evening was considered a successifier of the considered in the considered successifiers.

To the left, Dan Walker and Gretchen Schulenberg are ready to serve up some Italian culture.

Lower left, Valerie Erb walks back from a trip to the United States during the Mardi Gras.

Sigma Di Gamma members are, front row L to R: Donya Boring, Jana Carroll. Angie Eckholm, Paige Arihood, Cara Craig, Heather Groom. Second row: Julie Prather, Jenni Snyder, Tara Ulm, Jennifer Bitterling. Third row: Angie Gutwein. Valerie Erb, Heather Steffen, Anne Craig, Shawn Hensler, Dan Walker, Erica Murray, John Vohlken. Fourth row: Sheila Broussard, Alisa Rude, Gretchen Schulenberg, Shannon Stanley, Kris Nagel, Stacie Lanoue, Angie Bilyeu. Fifth row: Lynn Potter, Theresa Valade, Edwina Hughes, Sarah Steiner, Sharon Kenny, Jody Moore, Julie Whaley, Susie Lintner.





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BOMBER BRIGADE TAKES FLORIDA

The Bomber Brigade did many new and fun things during the 1988-1989 school year. The band began their new season in June when they met their new hand director, Mr. Klinker, and started evening practices. They progressed quickly and revealed their marching field show slowly by adding a new portion of their show at each of the first three home football games. The band went to many contests which included: the Chesterton Invitational, the district marching contest, the Norwell Marching Band Invitational, and finally the regional contest. Although the band didn't make it to the state contest this year they put lots of effort into each performance.

At Chesterton the band received fourth, and at district the band received Division One ratings.

During Chirstmas vacation the Bomber Brigade traveled to Florida for the Mazda Gator Bowl. They began their trip to Florida by spending two days in Orlando at the Magic Kingdom and Epcor Center. Then the band traveled to Jacksonville to participate in a field show contest, the Gator Bowl Parade, and the Gator Bowl halfelme show along with many other bands. The band received fourth place at the field show contest and achieved second place at the bowl game's parade.



















Photos page 14 starting at the top going right to the file Dea Klopp, Jupn Potter, and Mais Kingman playing belfs at a home footfull game. Jenne Hall and carefully playing belfs at a home footfull game. Jenne Hall himself into an eardily playing the symbols and durins at one of outerfully playing the misself into an early protecte. Red Halpes postings with misself into an early protecte. Page 15 starting at the top going from left to right full band at the very first contest of the year. Band members practicing one early moning, Marty Kohledo and part of our band waiting to leave the field at a contest. Mr. Klinker paces during the performance at one of the contests.

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ELITE COMMAND

The Elite Command had a very successful and fun season during the 1988-1989 school year. Performances included RCHS football halftimes, as well as marching contests. The highlight for the color guard included a trip to the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida, where they placed second in both the marching show and parade. Elite Command captains included Shannon Stanley, Wendi Schrum (flag), Jenny

Arnett (rifle), and Lisa Brunton (dance.) The Bomberettes, the indoor version of the Command, entertained the fans before and during the halftimes of Bomber home baskethall games











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BOMBERETTES















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Fa... Notes

To the right: The Concert Choir performs at their winter concert. Bortom Left: Concert Choir shows their enthusiasm for snging. Bortom Center: Mr. Kennedy works with John Rafferry, Far right: The Concert Choir performs at the Sunshine Society's Mother-Daughter Tea. Directly below: Mr. Kennedy works with the Treble Choir on a Breathing exercise.











... from the Singers





The RCHS choirs kept very busy during the 1988-89 school party was an early fall concert. One of the hip performance by the Swing Choir. They performed several pieces from the 60's ("hippie") era. All three of the choirs worked wery hard on their pieces.

Sunshine Society's Mother Daughter Tea. In December, the choir performed at the St. Joe chapel. In January, many members of the choir participated in the district solo and ensemble contest. Rensselaer did quite well at contest, with the following people receiving the top division: Sharon Kenny, Karen Leichty, Lisa Lintner, Jo White, Susie Lintner, Edwina Hughes, and Matt Crouch. Gina Leichty also received a first on her piano solo. There was one ensemble from Rensselaer that proceeded to state contest. That was the group singing "Soon Al' Will be Done" Those involved were: Gina Leichty, Susie Lintner, Karen Leichty, Deanna Welch, Angie Hall, Joel Haskell, Tim Sayers, Matt Crouch, and Sam Hughes. All of these people went on to state contest a North Central High School in Indianapolis. In April, the choir participated in a concert in Chicago. There were many other large schools involved and it was a good learning experience for them. After that the choir sang at choir contest in Louis Cass High School.

The choir had its last concert in the spring singing at graduation. Susse Linner applies lipstick for the second half of Anything Goes in the picture to the right. Lower right finds Sam Hughes, Karen Leichty, and Brian Hale rehearsing The Girl of the Golden West with Teresa Gehring playing mood music.





Trama Club discussed many ideas and plans but had difficulty getting activities started during the fall semester when meetings were held at 7:30 am. A few members were selected for a videotaping in Mr. Oatee's Lilly Grant dramatic project The Girl of the Golden West and some participated in the musical Anything Goas.

Club members included (pictured above, back row) Maureen Folenga, Theresa Valade, Sheiia Allen, Jenny Armett, John Warneke, Joel Haskell, Gretchen Schulenberg, and Pas Chuttrow; (middle group) Lana Arnold, Jennifer Putt, Valerie Eth, Angie Gutwein, and Anne Hopkins; and (leaning) Susie Lintner. Jenny Snyder, Sherrie Hall, and Teresa Gehring (dead man prop-Mr. Oates). Officers included Lisa Lintner as president, Teresa Gehring vice-president, and Susie Lintner Sec/Treas.



LIGHTS . . . CAMERA . . . DRAMA CLUB . . .



Student Council Leads the Way



The Student Council for the 1988-89, school year did many things for RCHS and our community. Student Council got students involved in many various activities. Some of these activities include dances that the Student Council sponsored and pom pon sales. At the end of the year the Student Council formed committees to organize the annual Fun Fest. The Student Council members represented their respective classes well during the year.







Row 1, left to right: Phillip McIntyre, Jana Carroll, Julie Whaley, Hearher Groom, Andrea Anderson, Mandy Alson, and John Warnelse. Row 2, left to right: Cory Wart, Rod Hughes, Jason Armold, Brian Chamness, Scott Jennings, Kori Pileddeere, and Jason Towler. Row 3, left to right: Kris Nagel, Theresa Valade, Sarah Steiner, Leah Carroll, Angie Sigman, Maia Kingman. Top left, Andrea Anderson and Leah Carroll sell a pom pon to Richie Moore at a baskerball game. Top night, Student Council members listen to Presidnet Kris Nagel at a meeting. To the left, students have fun at a fall dance sponsored by the Student Council

Construction

Each year a group of junior and senior students works together using their carpentry skills to construct a house. There are two classes: morning and afternoon, each one lasting about three hours. The students work on their own with the guidance of Mr. Mingear. The house was nopen house held for the public. This year's house was built on Monnert Street. The building trades students learn many skills and talents that will help them in their futures in construction and other building and home skills.

Morning Class

Steve Clapp, Chris Claussen, Ken Dunbar, Tony Knoff, Randy Lane, Scott Lashbrook, Eric Ritter, Tyler Todd, Chad Hickman, A.J. VanMeter, Corey Staddon.

Afternoon Class

John Dunbar, Jeff Dunlap, Ed Minter, Mike Kliest, Bill Fontaine, Angie Todd, Harold Wright, David Warran, Anthony Manns.









Zone









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Juniors





Sophomores







Class of 1989

Freshmen

unshine Society was very active during the 1988-1989 school year. The activities include: Mother/Daughter Tea, Ideal Lady Night, Senior Party, Daddy Date Night, and the annual Sunshine Dance. School projects included Teacher's Breakfast. Fundraising projects were Candy Sales and Gift Item Sales. Mrs. Cappucilli and Mrs. Swatzell should be noted for their help during the year, as should Angie Klinger, Donna Stevens, and Linda Fox. The officers in-cluded Kris Nagel — President; Angie Hongler, Angie Klinger and Linda Fox — Vice Presentents; Sarah Steiner — Recording Secretary; Shannon Stanley — Treasurer, Cindy Pack — Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Brunton and Jenni Snyder — Historians, Senior Executive Board included Sheila Boussard, Angie Bilyeu, Teresa Gehring, Donna Stevens, Am Brud, and

Laura Wireman. Junior Executive Board included Susie Lintner and Donya Boring. Sophomore Executive Board includes Melissa Heath, Shannon Baunch, and Lynn Potter. Freshman Executive Board includes Amanda Plant and Desi Klopp.



Precious Moments

This page top left: Pam Conley playing Win, Loose, or Draw during Daddy Date Night. Top right: during one of the slow dances Bob Smith talks to Teresa Gehr-

Queen and her Court. In order from left to right: Jenni Snyder, junior princess; Desi Klopp, freshman princess; Linda

ing about the dance. Lower right: the Fox, Queen; Shannon Stanley, senior princess; Shannon Baunach, sophomore princess.







Sunshine Society 1988-89

Clockwise starting top left: Sunshine girls decorating the gym during the day. Mrs. Swartzell working with her son Charlie on balloons for the dance. Sunshine girls and

their dates enjoy the music and dance. Kris Nagel, Shelia Broussard, and Kim Kosta with their mothers enjoy the Mother-daughter Tea.









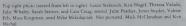
Organizations Help Community INTERACT

Internation of a service of particular that helps the community with various things. This row year old organization is sponsored by Rorary Some of their projects dealt with helping the tenny youth center Essage, helping the homeless in Mexico, and aiding in the presentation of a rode of the fargrounds in September Officers are President-Sarah Sceiner, Vice President-Kris Nagel, Seet et ar. y - 1, a u r. a Stefanch, and Treas-













... and Our School

Throughout the year faculty and students needed to help one another and lend a helping hand. This is where the library assistants, office assistants, and mech assistants came into the picture. These clubs are designed to ease the load of the faculty. The office assistants do such things as answer the phone, gather attendance, type, and run errands. The library assistants put books in their correct spots and enter the verylacs and the computer.

Media assistants have a more greater not because they are busy belong doe nearly by video taping requested programs or events at school, such as sporting events, class speeches, and many more activities throughout the year. The media assistants worked on a video yearbook to use as a preview of our school.









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BOMBER ALERT CORPS/

SPELLERS





Directly above is the Bomber Alert Corps. The membership includes: Angie Hale, Laura Stefanich, Paige Arihood, Linda Fox, Mike Mikolajczak, Lisa Brunton, Alisa Rude, Jenni Arnett, Shelia Broussard, Wendi Schrum, Jenny Snyder, Shannon Stanley, Angie Bilyeu, Stacie Lanoue, Sarah Steiner, Kris Nagel. The top right picture features Bomber Alert Corps member Jenni Snyder handing out a play bill to Julie Steele and Paige Arihood. Directly right is the Spelling team: left to right top row Mrs. Jungblut, Dan Walker, Wade Tiller, Joel Haskell, Rod Hughes, Gretchen Schenk, Wendi Schrum, Mrs. Ward. From left to right bottom row: Heather Baker, Melinda Klaus, Erica Murray, Shannon Baunach, Sarah Steiner, Valerie Erb.



The Bomber Alert Corps is a club which helps the student body. This year the club was involved in activities such as the school play and freshman orientation. Another active organization is the Spellers who were involved in the Hoosier Spell Bowl. The Spelling Team placed very well this year and hope to do better next year. Coaches were Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Jungblut.



NHS... The Future's Zone



The National Honor Society is a group of students who have acheived excellence, combining their leadership abilities with social awareness and cademic status. In 1989 there were ten new inductes including the following: Valerie Erb, Jeanne Hall, Kyle Hurley, Karen Jung, Maia Kingman, Julie Prather, David Robledo, Laura Stefanich, Tara Ulm, and Dan

Walker. The students received at least an average grade point of 3.65 out of 4.00. Veteran members were: Jenny Ametr, Angie Bilyeu, Shelia Broussard, Angie Hale (Treasurer), Karen Leichty, Lisa Linner, Bard Rodelfer, Thonda Shultz, Angie Sigman (Vice President), Shannon Stanley (Secretary), Sarah Steiner (President), Jason Teeters and Tim Walker.











FFA "LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE"

The 1988-89 members of the FUTURE FARMERS of AMERICA are: (ROW 1) David Markin, Dan Pullins, Craig Putt, Brian Moore, April Hartrington, Steve Clapp, Craig Standish, Kris Nagel; (ROW 2) Dean Amdt, Jason Pullins, Kelly Jordan, Shawn Hensler, Melinda Klaus, Christina Hartrington, Harold Wright, Tracie Tucker; (ROW 3) David Hickman, Kyle Hurley, Jim Roberts, Scott Maienbrook, Paul Justice, Gary Clapp; and (ROW 4) Terry Lutrtell, Jim Ingram, Chris Whaley, Walter Stanley, and Wade Schultz.













Health Occupations LENDING A HELPING HAND



The health occupations class headed by Mrs. Nussbaum learned much more this year than just how to make beds and give bed baths. They also learned about different systems in the body and muscle mechanics. Second semester the class ventured to various health care facilities to gain valuable first hand training. To the left, top row L to R: Angie Jordan, Angie Biliyeu, Stateic Lanoue, Alesia Killmer, Mrs. Nussbaum Bottom row, L to R: Brenda Crawford, Annie, Stacy Huff, Terri Hicks. Not pictured: Heather Murray, Monica Earon, and Kathy Bulington.





Learning the basics of patient comfort and safety was only one sapect of the health occupations class this year. Lower left-Kathy Bulington carefully transports Angie Jordan through a door. Above — Mrs. Nussbaum and Monice Eaton move patient, Brenda Crawford.





THE ACTIVITIES



The Bomber Zone again provided a setting for many activities which acted to blend non-academic school life which was unique to this tealm.

The junior class raised money for Prom through an auction at Little Coustin jace. Feer, The spring musical, Anything Gost, was a huge success after many weeks of hard work by performers and everyone who helped. Mr. Beehler's are students continued to share their creativity and talents with the rest of the school in the annual art show.

These activities and many more became dimensions of fun and entertainment as they allowed students to be with friends and have fun in the Bomber Zone.



Science Department

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The 1988-1989 Science Fair was a complete success. This annual even helped permone the RCHS science department. Parents and students have a chance to observe the science facilities while looking at sunders' proposes. This year's entries included a scientific testing of car was, a demonstration of levers and pullipse, and an experiment to find the strongers, solution of scap bubbles. The projects were displayed everywhere from the rooms of the wenter department to the small lecture hall. The students made the fair a "ioxal even," meeting friends and staying to talk and hang our until 9:00. When the event was supposed to end at 8:30.

Upper right: Jason Lintuer presents his project. Above: astronaut Jerry Ross gives Cashy Salyers of the Reniselaer Library a photo of Northern Indiana taken in pace. Lower right: John Steinkamp, Jeremy Malia, Mike Frailey, Dave Robledo, and Dart Olde in sumn Florida.





On The Move









Above left: the senior team (Brad Rodeffer, Kent Potts, Jon Nichols, and Laura Wireman) holds their second place computer team trophy. Left: the students who entered a demonstration were. Steve Klaurs, Brad Rodeffer, Mike Grzesik, Sheila Broussard, and Kent Potts. Above: the junior team (A.J. Wortley, Eric Earon, Kyle Hutley, and John Gropee) proudly dapslay their first place trophy.

This year marked the beginning of a new annual event. St. Joseph's College sponsored a computer fair and programming contest to promote computer usage and St. Joseph's computer depart-

The programming contest consisted of six problems. Each took one half hour and then were sent to judges.

While waiting for the contest results, the participants could look ar the computer fair entries. Steve Klaus' talking blackjack program won best of show. Brad Rodeffer's graphics demonstration won best demonstration with academic applications.

In addition to these events, there were about demonstrations for the students to watch. The Rensselaer students attended a program by Deskrop Publishing. There were also programs on computer related jobs and music on the computer.

By rhe end of the day, the Rensselaer students discovered that rhey were vicrorious. The junior programming team took first place and the senior team rook second place. Great job!



JUNIOR AUCTION

BOMBERS OPEN





unior classmen at RCHS came up with a unique and interesting fundraising idea this year. Their idea was to hold an auction. The junior officers collected items, which ranged all the way from old irons to ten-speeds, from each class member. The auction on the courthouse lawn was held during the Little Cousin Jasper Festival. The fundraiser was a great success and many juniors should be credited for the money they made which went toward prom '89. Especially helpful were the the following people: Kyle Hurley, Phillip McIntyre, John Groppe, Angie Lashbrook, Scott Lashbrook, Shannon Baunach, Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, all who were there to make it easier to handle. The Junior Auction gave the juniors a way to earn money and it gave their parents a way to clean out their closets, raising \$1000 in profits for this experimental moneymaking "event."

Directly above Scott Lashbrook displays an item which was available to the highest bidder. Above right Kyle Hurley helps a customer. Directly to the right Phil McIntyre sorts through the boxes.





.. new Zones



Speech dass headed to Chicago late in the first semester. The intention of heading up 1-65 to the Windy City was to spend the day learning about radio and television topics at the Museum of Broadcast Communications at River City. The class watched vintage episodes of the music show Shinding which featured one of America's first glimpses of the Beatles. Another group watched a tape of a retrospective of classic commercials. By the way, the class fid squeeze in time to visit Ed Debevic's restaurant and Water Tower Place.





Top lift. The speech class takes time one of these busy educational scheduler to stop at the Chicago Street abusey autain lift for neigh-Anger Hall. Six Nagel, Jennifor Past, Milst Langley, Gina Leichty, Thereas Valade, Kyle Harley, and Sam Haggel, Directly above. Angir talk and Thereas Valade look into the past at John Lemon. Far right: Sam Hughes and Gina Leichty and the one, the only, Gurffeld Good.







Anything

The 1989 spring musical Anything Gor by Hoosier playwrite Cole Porter was considered a huge success by most who viewed the musical Excellent singus, comedy, and dancing were coupled with withant costumes and sets to make this 1930's Broadway hit a top north local production.

Although the cast of the play included many underclassmen, the lead parts were fairly equally divided amongst the classes. The main character of juicy Reno Sweeney, an evangelist turned nightclub singer, was portrayed by senior actress, Lisa Lintner. Hope Harcourt, the unhappy fiancee of Sir Evelyn (junior Matt Crouch) was played by senior Edwina

Hughes. Hope's lovestruck wanna-be boyfriend, Billy, was heartwarmingly portayed by freshman Joel Haskell. Sir Evelyn is an English aristocrat with a fetish for American words and phrases. The wonderfully talented supporting cast included many underclassmen: Moorface Martin (Brandon Keiper), Bonnie (Susie Lintner), and Mrs. Harcourt (Karen Leichten).

Anything Goes was Mr. Kennedy's first directing chore at RCHS and its success should help continue the tradition of musical programs at the high school.







Goes







Cast	Chastity	Kristin Moriai
Reno Sweeney Lisa	Lintner Charity .	
Billy Crocker Joel	Haskell Virtue	
Hope Harcourt Edwina l		
Sir Evelyn	Crouch Ling	
Moonface Martin Brandon	Keiper Bishop Henry T Dobson	
Bonnie Susie		
Mrs. Harcourt	Leichty Reporters	
Elisha J. Whitney Patrick Sch	uttrow Camera Man	
Purser Rod I	lughes Sailors . Jamie Overton, Mik	
Captain John W	arneke Passengers . Kristen Hyvonen,	
Four Angels	da Plant, Gretchen Schenk, He	
Purity Shannon	Barton	

... a Toe-tapping Bon Voyage

Directly below to the left the cast celebrates the wedding of Hope (Edwina Hughes) and Billie (Joel Haskell). Below and to the right is the curtain call with Pat Schuttrow (Mr. Whitney) bowing. Bottom Crucius in the "angels" singing "Public Enemys No. 1."















Upper left photo has Reno (Lisa Linner) serenading Sir Evelyn (Marc Crouch) in his underwear. Upper right shows Bonnie (Susie Linner) as she condoles Moonie (Brandon Keiper). Bottom left has two Chinese (Tamee Thompson and Erica Murray) winning \$30 in a crap game, prior to Moonie's winning the clothes off the Chinese.



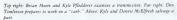
Motor Heads

There's one class in our school that doesn't get much recognition. This is a class of all senior gusys who spend three class periods working on and repairing cars. This class is designed to help thee students have hands-on training in repairing cars. The class is designed to help these students have hands-on training in repairing cars. The auto mechanics class took any car that a member of the community wished to bring in to be repaired. They did this free of charge except for any parts needed in this repair.

Students are required to take a premechanics class in their junior year before taking the vocational mechanics class. This prepares them for the expert work necessary for the advanced class. Many of the students enrolled take the many skills they learned and use it for their future iobs.











AG FINDS A NEW ZONE OF LIFE



Ag students had many activities going on throughout Ag Week. They made a breakfast for the faculty one morning; they also had a faculty judging of the animals. The ag students also drove their tractors to school one day to be noticed by the students. All of the ag students who participated in Ag Week throughout the week were excused from their normal classes to help in the ag room. A petting zoo was held in the ag room of the high school where many students from the elementary schools came to visit. The students who participated showed a lot of responsibility and were kept very busy.

Top high school ag students helping children pet a horse. Bottom left. Bob Hickman and Craig Standish proudly showing off goats during Ag. Week. Bottom right: students admiring some pigs during ag week.





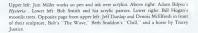


The Drawing Power of RCHS













Art Show 1989



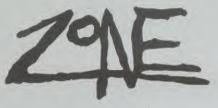






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THE STUDENT



The most important part of the Bomber Zone was, of course, the students. It is the different and unique personalities of the students at RCHS which make the Zone so mysterious and interesting.

The Zone seemed especially strange to the freshmen who were adjusting to a new building and new schedules.

The seniors finally had most of the Zone's mysteries solved. They served as "rour guides," if you will, through this often treacherous realm. They showed the intelligence and ingenuity needed to succed in the Zone when they won the Homecoming float contest.

As the sophomores, juniors and seniors ar RCHS came nearer to leaving the Zone for the "real world," they probably asked which realm is more difficult to understand. How will one ever know?





Bomber Zone '89





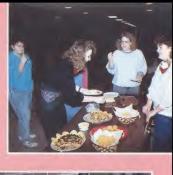




















HOMECOMING SPIRIT

The 1988-89 Homecoming was the most spatted in recent memory. The bonfire was high-lighted with the senior skit by the senior girls. The properties of the senior spate that the senior skit by the senior girls. The senior senior members of the class of '89 won the skit competition. The freshmen came in second with their version of the 12 things of 94 grade that really bugged them. The sophomores "dance" emmed third place, while the joinous

changing places received last

The floats were well decorated. The seniors
again received first place with the sophomores
coming in second. The freshmen came in third,

Below clockwise starting with upper left the football team ronning the ball in their 13 to 7 loss to the Lake Station Eagles, the band performing their halftime show with a song which was used at contest, everybody watching as the

bonfire flared lighting, how much sights the Bombers have, "Bomber Bob" Growe mine his appearance as Grand Marshal of the patish; and showed os how much spirit he still has for R.C.H.S., the pionors showing how much spirit they have, and the juniors Andy Francis, Charles Thomas, Ken Dunbar, Stott Lashbrook, and Sean Kingman showing everybody what they would book like as cherelraeders.

















1988 Homecoming Queen Kris Nagel





Directly above: Homecoming Queen Kris Nagel. Top right: Tim Walker gerung ready to catch a pass from Jason Armold in the 31 or 7 loss to visiting Lake Station. Center right: Kim Doolin being etorated by Eddy Korniak. To the right the 1988-1989 Homecoming Courr, Kris Nagel, Julie Blajah. Berh Staddon and Joli Elipah (randidar not pretured Kim Doolin.) Kris Nagel was escorted by Juson Tetern, Berh Staddon by Mick Cowley, Kim Doolin by Eddy Korniak. Jodi Elipah by McKin Dovinesson, and Julie Elipah by Jim Collin Division, and Julie Elipah by Jim Collin Justin Parken, Parken Lindon, Parken Justin Parken Lindon Justin Parken Justin







Most Talkative Richie Moore Stephanie Jennings



Most Likely to Succeed



Best Eyes

Ester Saucedo



Best Hair

Ester Saucedo

Hall of Fame Class of



Sarah Steiner Brad Rodeffer



Most Artistic Bill Hogan & Beth Staddon



Kyle Pfledderer

1989



Best Dressed Julie Whaley Jason Teeters

Teacher's Pet Mick McClanahan Kris Nagel





Most Musical .

Ryan Wood & Marcy Robledo



Best Looking Julie Whaley Jason Armold



Biggest Flirt Mike Putman Most Friendly Ryan Wood & Sarah Steiner





Biggest Flire Debbie Lashbrook



Most Athletic Ken Michal Julie Elijah



Most Humorous Sharon Kenny Scott Jennings

Best Eyes Ed Minter





Dimension Another '89

Toward

Sheila Allen Jason Armold Jenny Arnett Lana Arnold



















Adam Bilyeu Angie Bilyeu Sheila Broussard Matt Brown









Lisa Brunton Kathy Bulington Amy Byrd Steve Clapp











Carina Clark Shara Coley Jim Collard Pam Conley

Mike Crowley Donna Curnutt Lori Dale Mark Davisson

Kim Doolin Jeff Dunlap Dana (Fletcher) Elijah Jodi Elijah

Julie Elijah Connie Filson Tim Florence Linda Fox

Teresa Gehring Pat Geleott Mike Grzesik Angie Hale

Angie Hall April Harrington Bob Hickman Tammy Hicks









Bill Hogan Edwina Hughes Sam Hughes Shelly Ingram









Scott Jennings Stephanie Jennings Angie Jordan Donna Jordan









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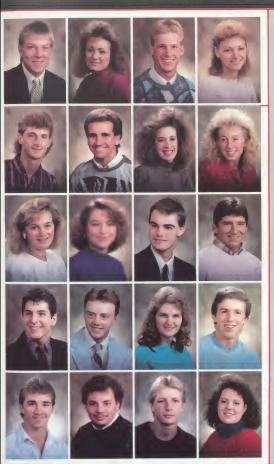
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Mick McClanahan Dennis McElfresh Shelia McEwen Mike Mikolajczak

Carl Minter Doug Mitchell Brian Moore Jody Moore

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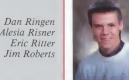






















Marcy Robledo Alisa Rude Ester Saucedo Terry Sayers

Wendi Schrum Gretchen Schulenburg Thonda Schultz Chris Seibring

Angie Sigman Bob Smith Beth Staddon Craig Standish

Shannon Stanley Sarah Steiner Donna Stevens Mike Stone

Jason Teeters Don Tomlinson Michelle Tucker Theresa Valade

Tim Walker Deanna Welch Julie Whaley

Laura Wireman Ryan Wood Rod Woudema

Not Pictured:

Jenny (Bell) Fleming
Ken Michal
Franco Pedone
Angie Todd
A.J. Van Meter













The class of 1989 finished its tenure at newsorthy stay. They were of a time that included: an growing awareness of the aids epidemic, a new President and a Hoosier Vice President, Democrats in the starehouse after a 20 year absence, the 1988 summer drought, the 1988-89 warmest winter, and lights at Wrigley Field. The news at RCHS included a new principal (the third for this class) and a new assistant principal.

Chris Challifoux

Tony Ohanis

Brad Rodeffer

The top entertainers of the year included: George Michael and Debbie Gibson in the pop music field, rap music in general grew, Bill Cosby (and all of NBC) at the top of the TV charts, "trash" relevision (talk show hosts like Geraldo and Morton Downey, Jr. stretching the limits of censorbip and good tasse), <u>Who</u> <u>Framed Roger Rabbit</u> was the box office movie champ, the Olympics were held in Korea in 1988, Nintendo video games were hot at Christmas, and Brian Hale worked at getting his "Escape" night club for teens going in town.

The RCHS sports teams were successful, academics continued to be a challenge, and extra-curricular activities kept most Bombers busy.

Where did the time go?









LIFE BEYOND THE BOMBER ZONE

iho arrived in America to go through her junior year at R.C.H.S. Miho used to live in New York, but she was so little she doesn't remember anything about America. Miho recognizes a great deal of difference between our two countries, Japan and the United States. The political and social differences are the most noticeable. She says that in the United States we are way more talkative than they are in Japan. Miho stayed with the Lynch's

where she was made to feel at home. Miho will return to Japan this summer and is now planning to be in the United States for her Senior Year. She will not be in Rensselaer for this year. Miho enjoyed her stay in Rensselaer.









Paulo Tomasi, unlike Miho, is an American, a native of Brazil. He noticed several differences between our two countries. Paulo finished his junior year here at R.C.H.S. He enjoyed his stay in the United States and looked foward to returning here. Paulo is like some of us, his favorite food is steak, and he enjoys the music of Pink Floyd. Most of all Paulo rolyved being around his new friends and his temporary school. Paulo toured the United States after the year was over. R.C.H.S. enjoyed having Paulo stay in our country.



TWILIGHT ONE YEAR AWAY FOR JUNIORS



The Juniors have finally had their first year as upperclassmen and only one more year to go. Juniors again did very well academically and contributed a lot to extra-curricular activities at Rensselaer Central High School. In their third year of high

school the class of '90 worked hard for success in the remaining high school years, and in

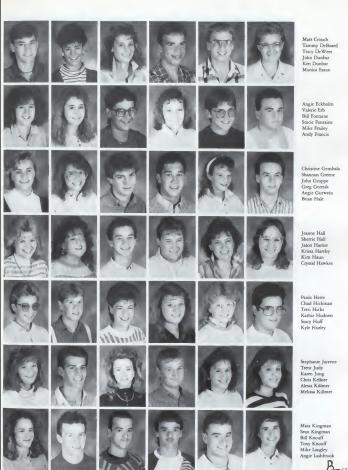
the future.

For many juniors this was their first year for Prom, and they were eager and excited to be the sponsors of the 1989 year end dance. Lots of money was raised by selling oranges and grapefruit.

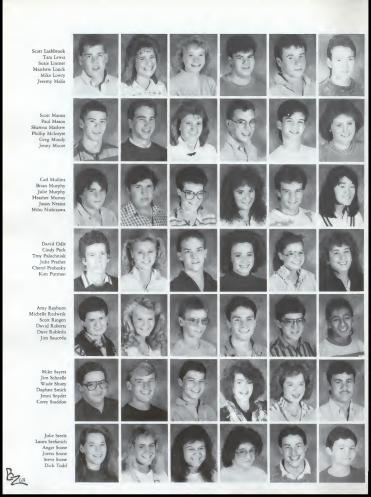
This year many students met with the college representatives when they came and talked to our school about their programs. The juniors had their future in mind and worked toward their goals. They were getting very anxious for their senior year at R.C.H.S.

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Joe Todd Paulo Tommasi Jason Towler Tracie Tucker Tara Ulm Jennifer Vohlken











Shermetta Wagner Missy Waldon Dan Walker David Warran Jodi Webb Israel Whited











Buddy Wicker Misty Williams Jennifer Wireman Renee Woolley Harold Wright John Wright









SOPHOMORES ENTER A NEW DIMENSION



The sophomore class has gone a step higher on the ladder of intelligence.

They were beyond the criticism of being known as just freshmen. They were accomplishing greater values in their lives, and became just a little closer to becoming the superior life forms of "seniors".

The sophomores put a lot of time and effort in showing their spirit and enthusiasm throughout the whole year, whether it was in the classroom, in clubs, or on the ath-

letic fields.

The sophomores now may open the door a little wider to the next dimension life may hold thanks to the teachers and staff at the Rensselaer Central High School.

Shown at the left are five of our spirited sophomores partaking in the homecoming activities.

Greg Allison Andrea Anderson Matt Anderson Brian Armold Heather Baker Shannon Barton













Shannon Baunach Darrell Best Mark Bilyeu Dan Black Dan Brandenburg Cheryl Burdick













Jerry Burge Gary Clapp Cary Claussen Katrina Cole Christina Conrad Brenda Crawford











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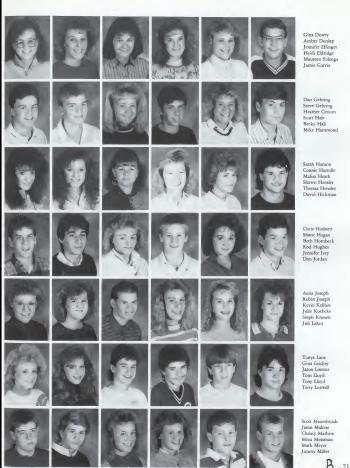












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Julie Miller Kelly Mitchell Jeff Moit Kristin Moriarty Brien Murphy Greg Murphy Erica Murray Gretchen Nagel Julie Nuss Amy Osman Todd Overton Kori Pfledderer Chris Phegley Kim Pierson Lynn Potter Jennifer Putt Jeff Rayburn Kelly Richie Chaz Robinson Rhonda Robinson Troy Rule Michele Sargent Scott Sayers Pat Schuttrow Dan Scripter Susan Scripter Janer Shuster Melody Sizemore Robert Smith Leanne Spall Walt Stanley Kelly Steinke Kim Steinke Nicole Sykes Mike Tychek Chris Waling Cory Watt Jeani Webb Catrina Westfall Johanna White Jamie Wicker Brian Wicks











Rick Wienrank Kim Williams Lana Williams Brian Wood A.J. Wordley Eric Woudema









Pictured above are some of the outstanding and outrageous students.

Pictured top left is Jamie Wicker, top right are Maureen Folenga, Gina Leichty, Greg Potts, and Jenn Putt. Pictured directly above are Julie Nuss, Jason Malone and Connie (Harrolle) Michal. Pictured at left is Walter Stanley.

Students not pictured are: Paul Justice, Atta Ohelo, Greg Potts, and Wade Schultz.



Bomber Zone Opens to Frosh

The freshman class enjoyed their first fun-filled year at RCHS. They learned many new things. Foreign languages were offered, more freedom was made available, and the à la carte line gave meaning to food choice for the new underclassmen.

The "frosh" enjoyed homecoming week and participation in the homecoming activities including the tie dye day, crazy day, slave day, and red and black day. They really

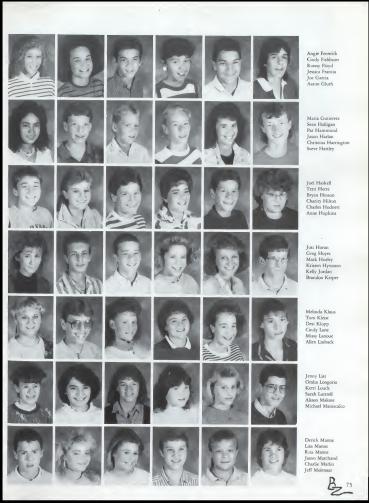
seemed to enjoy the recently reinstated slave day. On slave day the freshmen quickly jumped into the outrageous outfits the seniors provided for them and started out the day filled with spirit.

Freshmen likewise enjoyed the extra-curricular activities available at the high school. For example, there were a lot of freshmen on the spelling team. The spelling team placed 5th at their competition this year.



Crystal Faucett Cindy Fenton





Chuck Murphy Tonya Nagel Owana Northcutt John Ohanis Carla Oliver Amanda Plant Jason Pullins Jeremy Pullins Tara Putt John Rafferty Marcella Risner Nikole Risner Joy Robbins Amanda Rodeffer Tim Sayers Gretchen Schenk Kari Schrum Mike Schrum Derich Schultz Tracey Smith Bill Souza Kenny Starnes Heather Steffen Jenni Steinkamp Jason Swagert Tamee Thompson Tim Thompson Wade Tillett Joann Vaughn John Vohlken John Warneke Erica Webb Lisa Weems Carmela Whited Sonny Williams Mike Williamson Not pictured: Wade Sellers, Ann Smith, and John Urbano. Chad Wilmington Dawn Woodke Chastidy Yeoman Dawn Keen



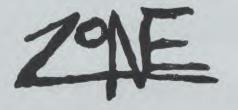




Top: Kenny Starnes excitedly shows off the freshman float. Left: Amanda Plant diligently practice on a cold fall morning. Right: The freshmen force-leaders (Angie Fenwick top, Amanda Alson, Desi Klopp, Christian Harrington, and Cyndi Fenton bottom) are "up" for a freshman basketball game.



THE FACULTY



After leaving the normality of the real world and teading the sign post up ahead, those entering the Bomber Zone see the effects of the faculty and support staff members. In this dimension where the enteting visitor knew nothing of what was happening or what was yet to happen, these people added stability to the Zone. But can the fourth dimension be judged on the basis of the laws of the three dimensional world? Can these two realms teally be compared? Who knows? Was that stability found duting the 1988-1989 school year a false stability? Because the teachets gathered in committees to improve the educational process, and the support staff provided warm meals and clean halls and rooms, those looking back in time are inclined to say that the stability was real, but one never knows when entering a time and space other than their own.



Next Stop: The Faculty Zone



The heart of RCHS depends on the support of the counselors, teachers and staff. In 1989, as always, these people were ready to help the students learn new information and help them through the problems that they had with good advice.

With the aid of the faculty and staff, RCHS was kept clean and safe with an environment suited to learning and mak-

ing plans for the future, while students could feel at home in the

classrooms and also have fun.

The teachers and counselors encouraged the students to participate in extra-curricular activities which helped the students to keep school spirits high. They also encouraged each student to be proud of his or her individuality, making all of the students stronget and more able to succeed in our competetive and rapidly changing society.

To the left, Mrs. Beehler, the guidance counselor for freshmen and sophomores, diligently works to make RCHS the best it can be for each student to learn the things needed for life outside of RCHS, while also promoting an atmosphere for

Mr. Baumann Mrs. Baumann Mr. Beehler Mrs. Beehler Mr. Brandenburg Mrs. Briggs













Mr. Burvan Mr. Butler Mrs. Cappuccilli Mr. Crimmins Mr. Day Mrs. Eckholm



























Mrs. Nussbaum

























Mrs. Norman Mr. Oares Mr. Peters







Mr. Pottet Mr. Probst Mr. Rafferty







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Mrs. Ward Mrs. Welch Mrs. Wood







Mr. Zimmer Mrs. Barton Mrs. Bretzinger



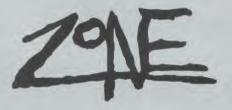




Mrs. Nagel Mrs. Sheffer Mrs. Walrers



THE END OF THE YEAR



At the end of the year, the Bomber Zone was full of activities to keep its inhabitants busy.

Fun Fest felt the effects of an everchanging zone as it was held at night. The twilight of the Zone did not keep the students from having fun as they played dodgeball and volleyball, ran through obstagle courses and dug through whipped cream with their faces.

Prom was also successful in the Zone. The theme, Moonlight Mirage, fit perfectly with the Bomber Zone. But was it a mirage, or was it real?

The year was brought to an end with graduation ceremonies. As the seniors looked to the future, they also had to bid a last farewell to the Zone.



A Moonlight Mirage

To the right Sarah Steiner, Lisa Brunton and Kyle Pfleddeer reveiling at the Halleck Center ballroom. Directly below Kim Doolin, Jason Armold, John Dunbaic, Cindy Pack and Dave Corner wait to have pictures taken. Bostom left Alias Risers (Cheryl Ptholos) and Kenny Junk 1901; a slow dance Steiner right Tray DeWesse and Cara Craig pick up prom glauses from housessed Missy Latonov, Kara Schum and Kelli Dodain.













To the left Prom King Dave Kozyra and Queen Kim Doolin. Directly below Scort Jennings and date Lisa Calatone. Lower left candidates (left to right) Julie Whaley, Beth Staddon, Julie Elijah, Kim Doolin and Jodi Elijah when the big announcement was made. Lower right Sheila Allen and date Ed Mitchell dance to the music of Backstreet 5.









Funfest '89

On the evening of May 11, 1989, many students gathered at RCHS for Funfest 89. There were a variety of activities to keep the participants and spectators busy and amused. The events ranged from volleyball to bubble gum bobbing. The classes also competed in dodgeball, the

lip-sync contest. Even though many members of the junior class had a major term paper due the next day, they gathered enough points to win the comperition. With points from Funfest, the seniors took the overall spirit award for the school year, which was an event party paid for by Student Council.







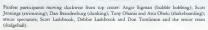
















Don't Know What You've Got Till It's Gone





The Class of 1989 retired from the Bomber Zone on June 4 with an emitonal farewell. Senior speeches, both funny and touching, were delivered by Craig Standish, Edwina Hughes, Ernie Manns and Mark Davisson. Salutatorian Brad Rodeffer spoke in allegorical terms of sunglasses and frogs, while Valedictorian Angie Sigman presented a "spirited" and tearful address to her fellow classmates and families.

Top right photo Brad Rodeffer delivers his salutatorian speech (with glasses). Above photo shows speakers Davisson, Hughes, Standish, Sigman, and Rodeffer with Mr. Day and Mr. Crimmons on the dais. Bortom right Celebration! 'Lana Arnold, Julie and Jodi Elijah either side of Jenny Amett, and Jason Armold.







Angie Sigman delivers the valedictory address.



Bidding farewell to Rensselaer Central High School: The Class of 1989.



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THE SPORTS



RCHS sports teams were an important part of the Bomber Zone in '88 and '89. Most of the 'dimensions' of spirit and Bomber pride centered around these athletic teams. Students were able to separate the realms of work and play by joining together to support the athletes.

Students participated in the pep sessions and spirit weeks to support uterams and they also supported teams that may not receive as much attention in the Zone. RCHS was as proud of the swimers, golfers, volleyball players and wrestlers as the football and basketball players, but all athletes gave the people in the Bomber Zone something to theer about.



RCHS C.C. KICKS

The cross country team had an exceptional season this year!! The whole team worked its hardest and "went that extra mile" to obtain second place in sectional and sixth place in regional competition. Freshman John Rafferty placed fourteenth individually at semi-

Some of the team members receiving special awards were Jim Collard team captain, John Rafferty most valuable, and AJ Wortey and Kevin Cochran a most improved. This year Heather Groom put forth a tremendous effort being the only gift to join the Cross Country team under Mr. Zimmer.

RCHS	Opponent
33 Pioneer 30	
33 Lowell 55 .	. B. Central 37
48N.N38 .	.T. Lakes 34
27S.N 38 .	
4th Tri-Cty and	New Prairie Inv.
22 Winamac . 33	
4th	
8th	Laf. Jeff Invitational
2nd	NWHC at N.N.
2nd Sectional	6th Regional











Wrestlers in the **BAGUBA ZONE**

Fot some of you who may have been wondering exactly what the BAGUBA is, here is the answer. He is "an agressive guy. A BAGUBA isn't necessarily a winner but he usually is. He never stops moving from the time a match starts. When he's on the bottom, he's obsessed with the thought that someone is holding him down and he wrestles like a madman until he's on top, at which time the hunger to pin dominates his every fiber."

Some of the strong survivors receiving

awards were Most Valuable: Ken Michael, Tom Fleming, Jim Millet, and John Warneke. The Most Improved wrestler this year was Scott Lashbrook. Don Jordan was Rookie of the Year. The BAGUBA of the year was Jim Miller. Coach Burvan's comments about the season were, "I was pleased with the way out season started but disappointed on the way it ended. Overall, the last 6 years our tecord has been outstanding at 72-13."







CHS	KVHS
36	Twin Lakes
45	North Judson
59	North White
45	North Newton 24
33	Harrison 27
69	Central Catholic 6
52	S. Newton
68	Delphi 0
36	Benton Central
57	Pioneer
24	McCutcheon 37
66	River Forest
21	Lake Station
64	North Judson 12
30	KVHS



Girl Golfers Reach for High Goals

The girls golf team had an excellent season! The team consisted of: Laura Stefanich, Etin Beaver, Missy Messman, Lynn Potter, and Angie Gutwein. They reached for and achieved many of their goals.

Laura Stefanich, captain for this 88-89 season, received the award of the most valuable player of the team. Erin Beaver was the most improved and had the best mental attitude of the varsity players. Lynn Potter was the most improved golfer overall of this 1988 season.

The support from the student body, the teachers, the administration, and parents was great and it helped the players a great deal.

The following pictures are: top right Laura Stefanich lining up a putt, middle left Missy Messman teeing off, middle right team (Lynn, Erin, Laura, Missy, and Angie) posing at state finals and lower right Erin Beaver shooting for the green.

Opponents

...230

16 tea







R.C.H.S.											
177 Lafayette Jeff		182	2								
182 Logansport		186	5								
Twin Lakes		25	3								
386 Culver		40:	2								
		45		K	nc	x					
176 South Newton		23:	2								
175 Benton Central .		21	3								
174 Kankakee Valley		24	5								
181 Mc Cutcheon		18	7								
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Lafayette Invitational											
Michigan City Invitational											
Laporte Invirational											
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Sectional Regional State											
Regional											



















The varsity golf team relied on two seniors to provide leadership in their 6-8 season. Mike Putman and Bob Smith ranked first and fourth respectively in the Northwest Hoosier Conference Individual Championships. Junior Matt Crouch was named Honorable Mention. An odd event in the '89 season involved a court injunction that delayed Regional play. Mr. Stefanich and his young golf team have much growth to look forward to in future seasons. Left to right, top row: Matt Crouch, Mike Putman, Mark Donnelly, Bob Smith, Damon Daniels. Bottom row: Jason Harlin, John Warneke, Jeremy Pullins, and Darrell Best. (Not pictured Brandon Keiper.) Upper left, Matt Crouch escapes a sand trap with his expert golfing skills. Lower left, Mike Putman watches the golf ball travel toward the hole. Lower right, Bob Smith follows through on a hearty swing.



RENSSELAER

The volleyball teams had a very strange season. The varsity spikers began with a slow start; they lost their first five matches. Then they began to improve their season by pulling away with an 8-game winning streak.

The varsity team had a new coach, Lisa Malone, for the 1988-89 season, as did the junior varsity team (Coach Tammy Lashbrook). Both teams learned that hard work and cooperation was the key to success, as their final record of 11-11 indicated. Their conference record was 3-2 with a third place finish in the Northwest Hoosier Conference.

As for the j.v. hitters, they worked very hard, and they learned that their dedication and team effort resulted in many victories, as well as many tournament wins. The last function the volleyball teams had together was the Fall Banquet.

The awards given out at the banquet were, for the j.v.: Andrea Anderson received Best Mental Artitude, and Most Improved went to Erica Webb. The varsity awards went out to: Stephanie Primeau, receiving Best Server and Most Assists, and Jodi Elijah and Debbie Lashbrook, the recipients of the Best Mental Artitude. And the last awards were received by Julie Koebcke, and they were Most Improved and Best Spiker.









SPIKERS

TEAM SCORES

	TEA	M S	CO	KES.		
R.C.H.S.						OPPONE
L						13-15, 15-9, 6-15
LKouts						12-15, 16-14, 5-15
LMcCutcheon						1-15, 7-15
L Twin Lakes						14-16, 4-15
LLowell						
WRiver Forest						
LLake Station						6-15, 6-15
W Frontier						
W North Newton						
W North Judson .						15-10, 15-5
W Tri County						6-15, 15-3, 15-4
W Benton Central						16-14, 15-3
W Winamac						15-9, 15-9
W North White .						. 15-8, 15-8
W North White						. 15-7, 15-11
L West Central .						. 15-7, 5-15, 9-15
L West Central .						
LKankakee Valle	ey					4-15, 11-15
L South Newton						. 15-12, 8-15, 7-15
W Hebron						. 15-5,15-7
W North Newton						
I Kankakee Valle	PV .					9-15, 15-12, 15-7





VARSITY FOOTBALL





The varsity football team ended their season with a 2-7 record. The first win was against Lowell, 22-6. The second win was against Kankakee Valley 7-0. This win gave RCHS back the Crackle Barrel.

The varsity team played North Judson very hard twice during the season, losing the first game 7-6, and losing in sectional 10-6.

Ken Michal was named best offensive player, Scott Jennings was named best defensive player, and Ted Oliver was named most improved.

Varsity scores

R.C.H.S.	Opponents
22Lowell	
6 North Newton	10
6North Judson	
7 Kankakee Valley	0
7 Lake Station	13
0River Forest	15
6 Harrison	
6Twin Lakes	18
7North Judson	10



Top left picture Coach Hainje surveys the bench for subs. Top right Ernie Manns is attended to by the trainer. Directly above Mike Putman receives creatment for an eye injury.









The varsity football team consisted of Row 1 (L-R) Jeff Dunlap, David Kozyra, Jason Armold, Jamie Nelson, Tim Walker, Ed Minter. Row 2 (L-R) Mike Putman, Ken Michal, Pat Geleott, Kyle Pfledderer, Carl Kendall, Mick McClanahan, Don Tomlinson, Bob Hickman, Scott Jennings. Row 3 (L-R) Manager Sam Hughes, Mike Kleist, Harold Wright, Ryan Wood, Ernie Manns, Ted Oliver, Eric Ritter, Anthony Manns, Coach Brandenburg. Row 4 (L-R) Coach McKim, Manager Dan Scripter, Mike Lowry, Andy Francis, John Dunbar, Dave Cotner, Ken Dunbar, Scott Maienbrook, Chris Bufkin, Mike Rayburn. Row 5 (L-R) Coach Wyncoop, Manager Troy Rule, Kyle Hurley, Chaz Robinson, Jim Miller, Sean Kingman, Mike Langley, Charles Thomas, Kevin Kellner, Head Coach Hainje. Row 6 (L-R) Don Jordan, Dan Brandenburg, Dan Gehring, Rod Hughes, Jeff Rayburn, Rob Smith, Matt Anderson.

To the top left is Anthony Manns getting ready to catch a pass. Top right is Ernie Manns bursting through the paper.



Frosh have learning season





Members of the freshman football team were in Row 1 (L-R) Brian Duncan, Tim Thompson, Paul Cohran, Jeremy Pullins, Sean Halligan, and Bill Souza. Row 2 (L-R) Joe Garcia, Ken Stames, Tim Dobson, Charlie Marlin, Chad Wilmington, Mark Hurley, and John Warneke. Row 3 (L-R) Tom Kliest, Joe Amsler, Tracey Smith, Sonny Williams, and Detrick Manns. Jeremy Pullins was named the most valuable defensive player and Tim Thompson was named the most valuable offensive player.

Top left picture is the Bombers cheering after a touchdown. Top right picture is Tim Thompson running a touchdown. The Bombers ended their season with a 1-6 record and really played harder than their record indicated.





JV finish 2-6









Top left picture is the Bombers exploding for a big gain. To the top right is the Bombers huddling up for a play. To the left is the Bombers getting ready to run a play. Directly above is the Bombers running down an opponent.

The Bombers finished their season with a 2-6 record, with Cory Wart being named the most valuable offensive player and Jim Schnelle being named the most valuable defensive player.



Swimmers Complete an Admirable Season



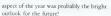






The men's swim team completed the 1988-89 season with a 9-7 record, which is good considering that 5 teams they swam against were in the top 25 teams in state. The season looked grim at the beginning, for they had a new coach, only one senior (Scott Jennior) gondy one senior (Scott Jennior), and 9 new swimmers (Blake Carter, Brandon Keipet, Brian Duncan, Wade Tillet, Bill Souza, Dartell Best, Joel Haskell, and Paulo Tommasi).

Yet, with the weathered vecterans (Rod Hughes, John Groppe, Matt Crouch, Jeremy Carrol, Jeff Rayburn, Jason Towler, Jason Hamer, Brian Hale, and Jeff Moit. Tony Knouff), and the novice swimmers, the team managed to pull off a few excitting meets. The most positive excitting meets.



The team faired very well at the Rensselaer Invitational. Rensselaer finished a close second behind Twin Lakes; still they were the only team to advance every swimmer to finals! The sectional at Lake Central proved to be very successful. Rensselaer placed 5th out of a tough 9 team sectional; yet, the team was satisfied due to the fact that the 4 teams that Rensselaer lost to were all schools whose entollment exceeded 1500 students.





R.C.H.S. Swimming Women

The womens' swim team had a very successful year including finishing fourth in sectional and an overall record of 6-5. This team was very young, so the following years should build on this year's success. The team captains were Lisa Brunton, Edwina Hughes, and Sarah Steiner. The top five scorers were Lisa Brunton, Julie Steele, Heidi Eldridge, Kori Pfledderer, with the highest of all being Edwina Hughes. The most im-

proved was Tara Putt. The best mental Pictured top left is Christine Gembala. Directly below is Kori Pfledderer swimming the breaststroke. Below that is Lisa Brunton going off the block while Edwina Hughes is cheering.

attitude was Gretchen Schenk.







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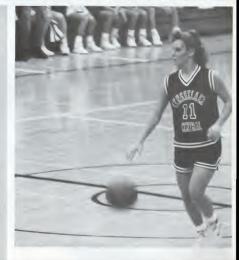


Second Straight Sectional!





The girls varsity basketball team was triumphant in their season. They had a 15-4 record and won their second straight Sectional Championship. The team was led by six dedicated seniors. Leading the Lady Bombers in their respecrive categories were Marie Barron for rhe Two Point Percentage Award and the most rebounds. Laura Stefanich received the Three Point Award. Stephanie Primeau accumulated the most assists while sister Stacev grabbed the most steals and had the best free-throw percenrage. Sracey Primeau also was named the Besr All-Around Player. In the Northwest Hoosier Conference, Marie Barton and Stacev Primeau were named All-Conference while Stephanie Primeau was named Honorable Mention.





Opposite page photos: girls baskerball team, back row (left to right) Mr. Burler, Julie Elijah, Cindy Pack, Julie Murphy, Marie Barron, and Saczey Pirineau; and front row Jodi Elijah, Laura Sefanich, Stephanie Primeau, Debbie Laisbbook, and Benk Suddon. To the left: Jodi and Cindy lyg' 'D'. Lower left resphanie swears her way across Valpanisós gym. Directly below: Jodi pumps the foul shot. Borrom picture: Can Steph get the abot over the KV defender? Lower right: Debbie s down, but not yet our at the Valpo sectional.









JV Has Excellent Season

The girls junior varsity hoopsters had an excellent season finishing with a 17-1 record (the only loss coming at the hands of Benton Central.) Julie Koebcke and Shawna Mathew were named best offensive players, and Andrea Anderson was the best defensive play-

Team members are in row one (left to right): Andrea Anderson, Missi Messman, and Janet Shuster. Row two has coach Brigitte LaFree, Shannon Barton, Kori Pfledderer, Shawna Mathew, and Julie Koebcke.

Top right picture is Shannon Barton shooting a free throw at an exciting win for R.C.H.S. at Kankakee Valley.







Freshmen Go Undefeated



The freshman girls basketball ream a recellent season as they finished with a perfect 8-0 record, including opponents Valparaiso, Crown Point, and Hobart. The team successfully won all challenges at the KV tourney. Leah Carroll was the best offensive player and Erica Webb was the best defensive player.

Top left picture shows the Bombers putting up the shot. Directly below are the Bombers moving down court to defend against the Lady Cougar threat. Bortom right are the Bombers getting ready to take the ball down court. Other team members were Chas Yeoman, Nicole Risner, Tonya Nagel, Kelly Jordan, Joy Robbins, Kerri Louck, Kari Schrum, and Madonna Cook.







The boys varsity basketball team rolled to an 18-5 record in the 1988-89 season. Five seasoned seniors contributed to the Bomber's winning style. RCHS defeated West Central and South Newton for the Turkey Tourney Championship trophy. An impressive repeat of 5-0 in their conference standings won them the Northwest Hoosier Conference Championship. The proud Bombers made it to the last round of the Kankakee Valley Sectional losing unfortunately to Lowell. The fans of this season will remember Dan Brandenburg's slams, Mike Crowley's last second steals and game winning layups and the polished concentration that was shown at the free-throw line by Mike Crowley, Trent Judy and Mark Davisson. Post season awards were given to Matt Brown for defense, Mike Crowley for the most assists, and Mark Davisson for the most rebounds. Dan Brandenburg and Mark Davisson were the recipients of the best field goal percentage award. Mike Crowley and Mark Davisson were choosen All-Northwest Hoosier Conference and were also named All-State Academic Honorable Mention.

Bombers Net Impressive Season







B 108



Photos on page 108: (np right) Dan Berndenburg shoots a free throw; (far left) the coaches concentrate, and Matti Breuw makes his more against defender. This page (directly) (th) Milke Cowoley shoots from smaller the three points (ne, leften) James (directly) (th) Milke Cowoley shoots from smaller the time to the coaches of the coache







J. V.'s Bustin'

Coach McKim and the j.v. basketball team had a stupendous season this '88-89 school year. The team won their Turkey Tourney and finished with a hard fought 17-3 record. In this season's finale, the Bombers lost a close triple overtime game to Lafayette Harrison. The end of the year awards were presented in March. Winning the Best Field Goal percentage was Steve Gehring while Jason Nesius received the Most Assists Award. John Dunbar held the Best Free-Throw Percentage. His brother, Ken Dunbar, grabbed the most boards.

Bottom row (I-r): Jason Lintnet, Phil McIntyre, Chris Phegley, Jason Nesius, Mark Myer, and Chris Hodnett. Top row: Todd Overton, Craig Hooker, Steve Gehring, John Dunbar, Ken Dunbar, and Coach McKim.







Freshmen Begin Long Journey



The freshman boys baskerball team had a new coach in the '88-89 season. Mr. Wyncoop lead the boys to a hard-fought 6-9 record. Awards were given as follows. Most Rebounds Sean Halligan, Best Field Goal Percentage Jacob Chapman, and Best Free Throw Percentage Brandon Cain.





Freshman Boys Baskerball

Mark Hurley Brandon Cain Sean Halligan John Rafferty Jacob Chapman Paul Cochran Chad Wilmington Chuck Murphy Pat Hammond Mike Williamson Charles Hodnett Tim Dobson Jason Pullins Jeremy Pullins John Vohlken Ken Starnes Joe Garcia-mgt

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

The 1989 men's track season was a success. Their record prior to the start of the regional was 17-0. However, the exciting part is that twenty-two of the twenty-eight track boys will be coming back during the '89-90 school year. Two members, Jeff and Dan Brandenburg, went the state finals. 1989 was a season that

RCHS, securing victories for the upcoming seasons.

The coaching staff deserved part of the credit for the track team's success. The coaches recognized and encouraged the time and effort that went into the season that saw an impressive record based more on hard work than seasoned talent.







Top left picture is the boys coming off the starting line during a track meer with North Judson. Directly above is Dan Brandenburg clearing the bar and setting a school record in the process. Directly right are Steve Wilson and John Rafferty running for a victory.







The undefeated track team won sectional for the first time in R.C.H.S. history. They came out on top defeating seventeen teams with a score of 91. The following bombers placed first: 100 meters and 200 meters Dan Brandenburg, discus Jeff Brandenburg, high jump Dan Brandenburg, 1600 relay John Flatt, Jim Miller,

Jim Collard, Tim Walker, and shot put Jeff Brandenburg. Bomber Pride was evident as the whole school shared in the victories of the track and field participants, and the whole team shared this pride as members went on to regional and state.





Pictured top row left to right: Roderick Hughes, Sean Kingman, John Dunbar, Koort Lashbrook, Jeff Brandenburg, A.J. Worrley, Andy Francis, Charlet Thomas, Dan Gehning, Dan Brandenburg. Second row: Mr. Edmonds, Brian Wood, Brian Duncan, Greg Hoyes, Tooy Knootf, John Flatt, John Rafferry, Mart Anderson, Jim Miller, Paul Cochran, Mark Harsha, Mr. Zimmer, Mr. Kellow. Bortom row: Robbit Smith, Ken Dunbart, Cory Wart, Jim Collard, Tim Walker, Mark Kochler, Adam Bilyeu, Steve Wilson, Ben Zimmer, Kyle Pfledderer.





Top left picture Jim Miller gets ready on the starting block to run the 1600 mere relay. Top right is Greg Hopes handing off the batton to Gary Claussen during a relay race against North Judson. Bortom fat left Jeff Benndenburg gets ready to put the disc into the air to try and break the school record and his personal best record. Directly left Kyle Pfledderer gives the disc a too into the air to get his personal best and give Jeff Benndenburg a lired competition.



Speed

Girls Track 1989 was a triumph shared by both upper and under-classwomen. The girls track team came in 2nd at Conference, 2nd at the RMD, 3rd at the sectionals, and 4th in the Rensselaer Relays. Strong players include: Julie Koebcke (who went to the

state finals) in the discus and 400 meters, Julie Whaley in hurdles and sprints, Heather Groom and Debbie Lashbrook in distance running, Angie Klinger and April Harrington in the shot, Edwina Hughes in the high jump, and Julie Elijah and Jodi Elijah in the sprints.









This year's awards went to Julie Elijah for earn captain, Julie Koebcke for most valuable player, and most improved went to Heather Groom. The point leaders for the team were Mandy Alson for the freshman, Julie Koebcke for the sophomores, Marie Barton for the juniors, and Julie



Whaley for the seniors.

Julie Koebske came in 5th at regionals and went to state. Pictures gionals and went to state. Pictures on opposite page 114: upper left Nikole Ritner footing the starting group of girls disusing the relay, and the 1989 Girls Track team and the 1980 Girls Track team, but the 1600 meter, Julie Koebsech, such the 1600 meter, Julie Koebsech, the throus the distus, Angle Kluse throus the distus, Angle Kluse throus the distus, Angle Kluse through the thost, Sarah Hanson clearing the first bar in the Girls jump, and April Harrington getting ready to through the bot.













Zone



BASEBALL







The junior varsity baseball team had an outstanding season. The highlight of the season was a no-hitter by Jason Linner. Jacob Chapman, Mark Meyer, Jason Linner, and Charles Hodnett all had excellent seasons in 1989. The outlook for the varsity team looks good with these players coming up in the near future, especially since their season ended with a second in the Rensselaer JV Tourney.

Top right is Brandon Cain swinging for a base hit. Directly above is Jacob Chapman getting ready to steal second base. To the right is Jacob Chapman pitching a strike.



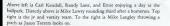




The varsity baseball team had an up and down season, starting with a 5-2-1 record and then losing 6 in a row before getting back on track. The season was highlighted by an Ernie Manns no-hitter against West Central; Ernie also had a school record 16 strikeoust in that same game. Other season highlights included Mike Lowry hitting 4 homeruns, including two in one game, and Chris Hodnert leading the team in hitting.

The Bombers played the defending sectional champs, North Newton and were defeated by a 8-3 score.









AS THE SPIRIT

Bomber cheerleaders started off the year by attending summer camp at Depauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. Each squad was evaluated each night on the cheers and chants that were taught through the course of the day. By the end of the week the girls had learned new chants and several cheers. On the last day of camp there was a final evaluation. The squads were judged on many things such as: enthusiasm, rhythm, timing, togetherness, originality, and sharpness. Throughout the week spent in camp, the j.v. and varsity squads received four blue ribbons per team. In November, the j.v. cheerleading squad traveled to Indianapolis

to participate in a statewide cheer competition. They entered the division "cheer/chant without tumbling" and placed third. Carmel took first place and Mitchell High School took second. Some other divisions were School Song, Cheer/Chant with tumbling and movement (for varsity, j.v. and freshman). "We had to do three cheers and two chants in a minute time period. Points were deducted if cheerleaders came in contact with each other," said Christy Matthew. "Again we were judged in originality, enthusiasm, rhythm, definate motions, sharpness, voice projection, timing, and in formation variation."







Top right from left to right Andy Francia, Angie Biyeu. Bostom left from left to right Desi Khopp, Mandy Alson, Steph Kronen, Paige Arihood, Stacie Lanoue, Christy Mathew, Johanna White, Christina Harrington, Jodi Webb, Angie Biyeu, and Jans Carroll. Bostome center from left to give Mandy Alson, Cindy Fenton, Christina Harrington, Angie Fenwick, Desi Khopp.

GOES ON







Top left from left to right: Jeani Snyder, Jodi Webb, Andy Francis, Paige Árihood, Ryan Wood, Stacie Lanoue, Jason Teeteers, Jans Carroll, Mick McClanahan, Steph Kronen, Sarah Hansen, Johanna White, Julie Prather, Mandy Alison, Christy Mathew, and Angie Billyeu. Top right: Snyder and Lanoue. Bottom right: Snyder, Mathew, Kronen, White, Hansen.















And now the trip through the Bomber Zone has come to an end. Hopefully the fog that surrounds this mysterious realm has been lifted a little to reveal the spirit, friendship and work that makes the Zone so special. As surdents continue to enter and leave this dimension, they will remember the Zone and the friendships that it helped to create and support.

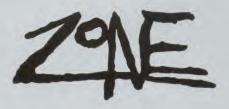
Opposite page: top; Mike Grzesik plays the guitar, left; Susie Lintner, Heather Steffen and Desi Klopp serve guests food at the Sigma Di Gamma Mardi Gras, right; Lynn Potter prepares for golf.

This page: top; the effect of the Bomber Zone; Mike Langley and Kyle Hurley wait to eat at Ed Debevic's during the speech class' Chicago trip.





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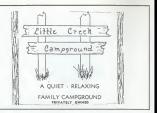
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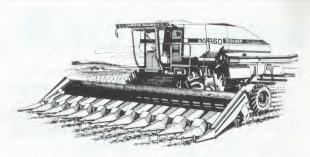
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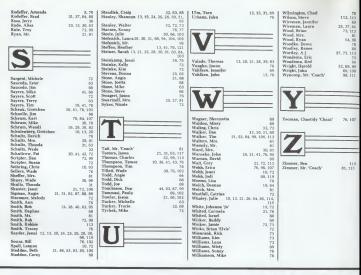
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